

Signal Shorts

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It has come to our attention that [Sweet Briar College \(WNRS\)](#) has relocated their low-power station to Tobacco Row Mountain north of Lynchburg. This new transmitter is operating on 89.9, the same frequency as our Lexington station. If you have been listening to WMRA on 89.9 **EAST OF THE BLUE RIDGE**, it is unlikely that you will still be able to receive our station.

Please understand that there are only 97 frequencies available for FM stations and that these 97 frequencies are "re-used" in a staggered manner from community to community. The use of 89.9 by WNRS at Tobacco Row is well within the legal boundaries defined by the FCC's allocation scheme. Simply put: Our Lexington station is licensed to serve Lexington and not Lynchburg; any previous coverage of Lynchburg was pure serendipity.

The purpose of this notice is to simply explain what may have happened if you have recently lost our signal.

The WMRA network is a system of transmitters covering much of the Shenandoah Valley and The Central Piedmont of Virginia. Because of the rugged terrain, some areas are not served as well as others. Do you have a question about your reception or interference?

[Submit a question](#) to our Director of Engineering for a customized signal analysis and a reply, usually within a few days. Be sure to include your STREET ADDRESS and any location description which may help him locate your house or office on a digital topographic map. Write to: fawcetwd@jmu.edu

